



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Johann ENGELHARDT et al.  
Serial No.: 10/766, 260 Confirmation No.: 3405  
Filed: January 27, 2004  
For: SCANNING MICROSCOPE AND COUPLING-OUT  
ELEMENT  
Art Unit: 2872  
Examiner: Mark A. Robinson  
Customer No: 23280

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 13, 2005

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated February 15, 2005 received in the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.